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Hong Kong Re-exports of US Consumer Oriented Agricultural Products to China

Over the first half of 1999, Hong Kong re-exports of US and other countries' consumer oriented agricultural products to China decreased in value and quantity, compared to the same period a year ago. Poultry meat and parts were the leading re-export from the US, with double digit percentage increases in both quantity and value.

Hong Kong Re-exports of U.S. Consumer-Oriented Agricultural Products to China 1998 and 1999 (January 1 to June 30) (Value: \$ '000, Quantity: Metric Tons)

	1998/1-6 Value	1998/1-6 Quantity	1999/1-6 Value	1999/1-6 Quantity	Percentage	ge
					Value	Quantity
Poultry Meat	156,601	200,108	179,188	270,932	14%	35%
Eggs & Products	1,540	14	215	1	-86%	-93%
TOTAL, inc. Other Products	341,984	352,860	309,194	367,078	-10%	4%
TOTAL, ex. Poultry	185,383	152,752	130,006	96,146	-30%	-37%
Hong Kong Re-exports of Consumer-Oriented Agricultural Products to China, All Origins						
1998 and 1999 (January 1 to June 30) (Value: \$ '000, Quantity: Metric Tons)						
Poultry Meat	242,982	292,674	260,228	365,173	7%	25%
Eggs & Products	10,506	84	2,871	23	-73%	-73%
TOTAL, inc. Other Products	811,814	736,671	697,916	740,477	-14%	1%
TOTAL, ex. Poultry	568,832	443,997	437,688	375,304	-23%	-15%

NOTE: Format is the same one used for USDA/FAS 'Bico' Reports.

Data Source: Hong Kong Department of Census, Re-export Statistics

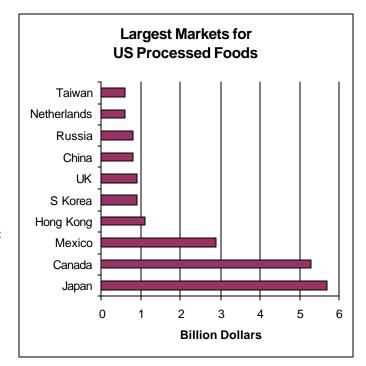
Source: USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service

Imports of Processed Foods Surpass Exports in 1998

US exports of processed food and beverages fell 6 percent in 1998, the first decline in processed food exports following more than two decades of steady growth. Processed food imports continued to grow and in 1998 exceeded exports. The result was the first trade deficit since 1991. During the first six months of 1999 processed food exports fell another 8.8 percent and imports grew 6.7 percent. Poultry exports in 1998 were worth \$2,255 million, down 10.9 percent from the previous year, reflecting sharply lower sales to Russia. A strong US economy provided Americans with rising incomes and extra money to spend on French wines, Canadian seafood and other imported items.

The decline in processed food exports came mainly from European and Asian countries. Japan is our largest export market, but its share of US exports has fallen for the past three years from 24 percent in 1996 to 19 percent in 1998. Exports to Canada and Mexico increased 4 percent and 19 percent, respectively. Canada is the largest source of US food imports, followed by Mexico, Thailand, France and Italy. Together they account for about 44 percent of the US market share.





LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 08-JAN-00 (PRELIMINARY)

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

	LIGHT	HEAVY	IOIAL
	TI	HOUSANDS-	
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HEAD	2,007	1,626	3,633
LAST WEEK	1,596	980	2,576
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,136	1,390	3,526
TO-DATE/1999	2,007	1,626	3,633
TO-DATE/1998	2.136	1.390	3.526

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS HOUSANDS-	TOTAL HENS	
HEAD	429	0	429	
LAST WEEK	242	0	242	
SAME WEEK YR AGO	479	0	479	
TO-DATE/2000	429	0	429	
TO-DATE/1999	479	0	479	
SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOP-				
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TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	HENS	HENS	HENS
	Т	HOUSANDS	3
HEAD	2,436	1,626	4,062
LAST WEEK	1,838	980	2,818
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,615	1,390	4,005
TO-DATE/1999	2,436	1,626	4,062
TO-DATE/1998	2,615	1,390	4,005

CENTRAL REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANI-CALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 21-JAN-00

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (Preliminary)

NOT AVAILABLE

CHICKEN PRICES

	FF	ROZEN	FRESH		
FAT	FOB	DELIVERED	FOB DELIVERE	D	
CONTENT	DOCK		DOCK		
15% OR LESS					
RANGE	-	-	-	-	
WTD AVERAGE					
0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.					

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS

RANGE 20.00 - 14.00-15.00 WTD AVERAGE 20.00 14.22

224,400 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%

RANGE 19.00 10.00-13.00 11.00-18.00 WTD AVERAGE 19.00 10.60 13.04 1,226,000 pounds, this includes 530,400 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE **RANGE**

WTD AVERAGE

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment. * INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

EASTERN REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANI-CALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 21-JAN-00

CHICKEN PRICES

	FF	ROZEN	FRI	ESH		
FAT	FOB	DELIVERED	FOB DEL	IVERED		
CONTENT	DOCK		DOCK			
15% OR LESS						
RANGE	20.00	-	17.00	18.00		
WTD AVERAGE	20.00		17.00	18.00		
400,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.						

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS

RANGE 15.00-16.00 16.00 WTD AVERAGE 15.41 16.00

840,000 pounds, this includes 400,000 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%

RANGE 14.00-15.00 16.50-18.00 12.00-13.00 12.00-15.00 WTD AVERAGE 14.31 17.00 12.22 13.64 1,880,000 pounds, this includes 400,000 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE

RANGE 12.50 12.75 WTD AVERAGE 12.75

400,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC,NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT

FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS JANUARY 21, 2000

Undertone steady to barely steady on tom drums, tom 2-joint wings and frozen thigh meat for export. Destrapped tenderloin barely steady. Some sellers are watching for any market developments as the Mexican legislature considers increasing import duties on turkey. Demand light to instances fair, best on 4-8 lb. breasts for domestic shipment and on drums for export. Offerings of breast trim light, the balance of items mixed. Ground breast trim (1 load) 106 cents delivered.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, 2000						
EXPORT TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	21.00		21.00	640	21.66	1,384
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM TAILS	21.00-23.00	R	21.29 17.86	364 288	21.29 17.46	364 368
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F R	15.33 60.33	156 240	60.71	280
THURSDAY, JANURY 20, 2000						
EXPORT TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)		
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	23.00-26.00		24.70	184		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	20.89	352		
TAILS	17.50-18.00		17.86	288		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	15.33	156		
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	58.00-62.00		60.33	240		
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2000)					
EXPORT TRADING	PRICE	L.S.T.	WTD AVG	VOLUME		
	RANGE	CODE 1/	PRICE	(000)		
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	21.00-22.00		21.43	560		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	20.89	352		
TAILS	16.00	_	16.00	80		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	00.00	F	15.33	156		
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	63.00		63.00	40		
TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2000						
EXPORT TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)		
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	23.57	` 280		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	20.89	352		
TAILS		F	15.00	20		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	15.33	156		

MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 2000 NO REPORT ISSUED DUE TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY 2/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.